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SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENTARY PAPER FOR MEETING OF EXPERTS ON
US FOOD RESEARCH PROPOSAL, OCT. 28-29

1. MISSION RECEIVED FOLLOWING SUPPLEMENTARY PAPER FROM
WASHINGTON WHICH IS PROPOSED TO BE DISTRIBUTED AT
MEETING IN EDMINSTER'S DISCRETION. WE ARE HAVING PAPER
TRANSLATED BUT ARE NOT DISTRIBUTING IT TO DELEGATIONS
PENDING EDMINSTER'S CONCURRENCE. HOWEVER, DISTRIBUTION
BEFORE THE MEETING WOULD BE MORE EFFECTIVE. WE ARE
THEREFORE INVITING EDMINSTER'S CONCURRENCE WITH DISTRI-
BUTION.

2. TEXT OF SUPPLEMENTARY PAPER FOLLOWS:

"INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE IN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH --
A GREATER ROLE FOR RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS IN MEMBER
COUNTRIES TO MEET NEEDS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

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"I. PREAMBLE

THE PURPOSE OF THIS NOTE IS TO INFORM OTHER MEM-

BERS OF A U.S. INITIATIVE TO MAKE AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH IN ITS STATE AND FEDERAL INSTITUTIONS MORE RELEVANT TO THE NEEDS OF THE DEVELOPING WORLD. IT IS HOPED THAT THIS DECISION BY THE U.S. WILL ENCOURAGE OTHER MEMBER COUNTRIES TO STRENGTHEN EXISTING LINKAGES OF RESEARCH PROGRAMS IN THEIR INSTITUTIONS WITH IMPORTANT FOOD AND NUTRITION PROBLEMS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND TO DEVELOP NEW ONES.

"II. THE U.S. INTENT

IN THE LAST FEW YEARS GROWING ATTENTION HAS BEEN GIVEN THE CRITICAL ROLE OF RESEARCH IN MEETING THE FOOD AND NUTRITION PROBLEMS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. IMPROVED TECHNOLOGY IS NEEDED TO ENABLE THESE COUNTRIES TO INCREASE PRODUCTION IN THEIR COUNTRIES. IN RESPONSE WE HAVE SOUGHT MEANS TO STRENGTHEN RESEARCH WHICH BEARS DIRECTLY ON DEVELOPING COUNTRY AGRICULTURAL PROBLEMS. COLLECTIVELY MANY MEMBER COUNTRIES SUPPORT THE INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH CENTERS THROUGH THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP ON INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH (CGIAR). AND, WITH THE STRONG ENDORSEMENT OF CGIAR, WE ARE TRYING TO INCREASE EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN THE CAPABILITY OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO CARRY OUT THEIR OWN RESEARCH. A THIRD AND HIGHLY RELATED ELEMENT OF SUPPORT IS THAT OF BETTER HARNESSING THE RESOURCES IN OUR OWN INSTITUTIONS DEALING WITH AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SO THAT THE RESULTS ARE MORE RELEVANT TO DEVELOPING COUNTRY NEEDS.

DURING THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE SECRETARY KISSINGER STATED THE INTENT OF THE U.S. TO SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE SUPPORT TO INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH. HE SPECIFICALLY REFERRED TO INTERNATIONAL CENTERS, INSTITUTIONS IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND INSTITUTIONS IN THE U.S. WHERE RESEARCH WAS OR COULD BE DIRECTED TO IMPORTANT PROBLEMS OF FOOD AND NUTRITION IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. SUBSEQUENTLY, AT THE REQUEST OF PRESIDENT FORD, THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES INITIATED A STUDY TO DETERMINE HOW BEST THE U.S. CAN USE ITS RESOURCES THROUGH RESEARCH TO ASSIST IN THE WORLD FOOD PROBLEM.

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A BILL HAS PASSED THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND IS NOW BEFORE THE SENATE WHICH WOULD GIVE TO OUR UNIVERSITIES A MUCH GREATER OPPORTUNITY FOR ENGAGING IN RESEARCH THAT IS DELIBERATELY ORIENTED TO DEVELOPING COUNTRY NEEDS. IT IS BASED ON THE PREMISE THAT ONE OF THE GREATEST U.S. RESOURCES TO ASSIST IN MEETING THE WORLD FOOD AND NUTRITION PROBLEM LIES IN THE SCIENTIFIC EXPERTISE OF OUR STATE AND FEDERAL AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS. IT ASSUMES THAT WITH ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AND CAREFUL PLANNING, MUCH OF THE

EXPERTISE CAN BE EFFECTIVELY LINKED TO INTERNATIONAL
AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH ACTIVITIES THAT STRONGLY IMPINGE
ON THE NEEDS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. IT ALSO

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ASSUMES THAT THERE ARE MANY IMPORTANT AREAS OF COMMON
INTEREST BETWEEN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH NEEDS OF THE U.S.
AND THESE COUNTRIES THEREBY PROVIDING A SOLID BASIS
FOR SELECTION OF COMMON PROBLEMS FOR COOPERATIVE
RESEARCH.

"III. IMPLICATIONS TO OECD FOR INTERNATIONAL AGRICUL-
TURAL RESEARCH

FIRST, WE BELIEVE THAT SUBSTANTIAL BENEFITS CAN
ACCRUE TO MEMBER COUNTRIES BY MORE EFFECTIVE COOPERATION
IN RESEARCH ON SELECTED SUBJECTS OF COMMON INTEREST.
SECONDLY, BY APPROPRIATE SELECTION OF SUBJECTS AND
LINKAGES WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRY AGRICULTURE, THIS KIND
OF COOPERATION CAN CONSTITUTE A MAJOR MEANS OF INCREAS-
ING THE IMPACT OF OUR RESEARCH ON FOOD AND NUTRITION IN

THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. A BEGINNING TOWARD THIS TYPE
OF COOPERATION WAS INITIATED DURING THE MID-SUMMER
1975 MEETING OF THE CGIAR WHEN A NUMBER OF DONOR
MEMBERS MET INFORMALLY TO DISCUSS RESEARCH ON POST-
HARVEST FOOD LOSSES. THE DONOR MEMBERS SHARED A COMMON
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INTEREST IN AND COMMITMENT TO THIS IMPORTANT PROBLEM
WHICH AFFECTS BOTH DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.
THIS INITIATIVE IS BEING PURSUED TO DETERMINE HOW RE-
SEARCH INSTITUTIONS AND RESOURCES IN AND FROM THE
DEVELOPED COUNTRIES CAN BE USED MORE EFFECTIVELY TO MEET
NEEDS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN REDUCING FOOD
LOSSES. WE BELIEVE THERE ARE SEVERAL SUCH BROAD-INTEREST
PROBLEM AREAS OF HIGH PRIORITY TO THE WORLD FOOD PROBLEM.

WE URGE CONSIDERATION FOR COOPERATIVE RESEARCH
EFFORTS THAT WILL CAPITALIZE ON THE EXPERTISE AND
ONGOING PROGRAMS IN OUR MEMBER COUNTRY
INSTITUTIONS; THAT WILL CONCENTRATE ON PROBLEMS THAT ARE
OF HIGH PRIORITY TO BOTH OECD AND DEVELOPING COUNTRY
NEEDS IN FOOD AND NUTRITION; AND THAT WILL MEANINGFULLY IN-
VOLVE COUNTRY SCIENTISTS IN THE PLANNING AND EXECUTION."
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